

Happy Halloween  
October 2013



**CITY OF VAN METER**

**Van Meter News**

## **Beggar's Night—**

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**Thursday, October 31st**

**6 pm to 8 pm**

**Be Safe & Have Fun!**



## **City Election—November**

There are three seats available on the Van Meter City Council. The council members whose terms are ending are Richard Booge, Adam Coyle, and Becca Wiederholt. The City is governed by a Mayor and five council members. Each position serves a term of four years.

The following candidates are running for council positions:



**Andrew Kendall**

**Chris Knoll**

**Michael Peterson**

**John Seefeld**

**Owen Stump**

**Elizabeth Tweed**

Meet the candidates in next month's newsletter. We will have profiles on each of our six candidates.

**Exercise your right to vote! Vote at the Van Meter United Methodist Church. Polls will be open on Tuesday, November 5th, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

***“Like” us on Facebook—City of Van Meter***

# Halloween Activity



## Halloween at Johnson Park

Thursday, October 31; 5p.m.—6p.m.

Enjoy free hot dogs, drinks & chips served prior to trick-or-treat.

All Ghosts and Goblins along with their parents/guardians are invited.

Sponsored by the Van Meter Parks & Recreation Board

# Trunk-or-Treat



Thursday, October 31  
United Methodist Church  
Parking Lot  
6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Decorate your trunk, put on a friendly costume, bring your candy and join us in the church parking lot. Bring the kids. Bring your friends.

It is a friendly and safe environment.

No admission fee. Donations accepted.

- Kids go from trunk to trunk to get treats
- Everyone gets hot cider, freshly made doughnuts & popcorn
- Prizes for best decorated trunk!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BY BRINGING YOUR VEHICLE,

YOU MUST REGISTER by contacting Stacy at 996-2572 or

[speterson0403@gmail.com](mailto:speterson0403@gmail.com)

# Open House and Ribbon Cutting

**The Good Samaritan Food Pantry** is pleased to host an Open House and Ribbon Cutting to show our new and expanded facility located at the Adel United Methodist Church. The pantry moved across the hall to a larger room, which allows our clients to "shop" for their own food from an approved list and select the items that work best for their households. Because of this expanded space and specific donations, the pantry was able to add an additional freezer and a large refrigerator. These additions mean more fresh items such as eggs, dairy and produce can be offered when they are available.

Our amazing volunteers keep this pantry running with their dedication and hard work. Donations from individuals and organizations provide the essential financial support and food items to stock the shelves of the pantry. Come for the afternoon and meet some of these wonderful people and have some refreshments as well.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in visiting our new and improved location to visit on:



**October 6, 2013 from 1:00-3:00 pm**

**115 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Adel, IA 50003**

**515-993-3791**

Open Monday—Wednesday  
from 12—2

Serves residents of Van Meter  
and residents within the ADM  
School District

Donations accepted

Visit the food pantry website for more info at [www.adelfoodpantry.com](http://www.adelfoodpantry.com)

# Fight the Flu



Flu shots and flu mist available on Friday, October 11th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Van Meter City Hall.

Registration is not required. You need only come during the times listed.

Cost for the vaccination/mist is \$25.

Persons with **Medicare** benefits are welcome.

This opportunity is brought to you by Dallas County Public Health.

Call 996-2644 for more info.

## October 11th 4 pm to 6 pm

# Police Department—Safety Tips

## HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Beggars night is coming soon please follow these safety tips and make this Halloween a safe one.

**S**

Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

**A**

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

**F**

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you

**E**

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.  
Limit the amount of treats you eat.

**H**

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.  
Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

**A**

Always test make up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

**L**

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

**L**

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

**O**

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

**W**

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

**E**

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

**E**

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

**N**

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

# Library—CHECK IT OUT @ THE VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Phone: 996-2435  
Library Email: [jwelker@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:jwelker@vanmeteria.gov) or  
[mboren@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:mboren@vanmeteria.gov)



Hello! I am ready for fall weather! Football, campfires, hot cocoa, leaves, and many other outside activities

We have many fun activities going on at your library:

On the **2nd Thursday** of each month we have crocheting/knitting group (this month we will make coffee cup cozies) at 6:30pm;

the **3rd Thursday** at 7 pm is always book club;

and **everyday** after school we have snacks, reading, games and activities.

**Saturday, October 12**—Zombie Walk for kids and adults of all ages. More info coming to Facebook! There will also be a bake sale that evening outside in the park by the library.

**A few new titles that are coming in:** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck," "Michael Vey 3: Battle of the Ampere," "Covet," by Tracey Garvis, "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks, "W is for Wasted" by Sue Grafton, "Dark Witch: Book 1 of the Cousin O "Dwyer Trilogy" by Nora Roberts, "Dr. Sleep" by Stephen King, "Steelheart" by Brandon Sanderson, "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham, "Concealed in Death" by J.D. Robb, "Takedown Twenty" By Janet Evanovich and "The House of Hades" by Rick Riordan.

**We have new movies coming in too:** "Monsters University," "Iron Man III," "The Croods," "The Blues Brothers," and "Star Trek into Darkness"

I would recommend this book **"Bootstrapper"** - this is a memoir by a single mom with three sons trying to make a living on their farm and with not a lot of money. It is a true story that will stay with you long after you have finished it!

Please stop in and see us! Have a great autumn!

Jolena Welker, Director

**Library Hours**

**Monday—9a to 5p**

**Tuesday—3p to 8p**

**Wednesday—9a to 8p**

**Thursday—9a to 8p**

**Friday—9a to 5p**

**Saturday—9a to Noon**

## \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

October 25th Josh Heard, author of **"When Ghost Hunting Goes Wrong"** will be at the library at 7pm to talk to teens and adults about ghost hunting. **You must be 13 or older to attend.** This will be a great paranormal talk and you can learn a lot about what Josh does when he goes looking for Ghosts.



**One opening for a library trustee. The candidate must live within city limits. Meetings are held monthly.**

**If interested please contact Rachel Backstrom at 996-9959 or Jolena Welker at 996-2435.**

# Recommendations

This month I asked some of the City Staff and library users what movies they recommend to the community. Stef Martelli said, "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "The Sound of Music" and Michelle Boren said, "Road to El Dorado." Police Chief Bill Daggett recommends "A Few Good Men." If you have a "must see" suggestion please let us know so we can share with others. Thanks!



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### Elected Officials:

*Mayor*

-Allan Adams

*Mayor Pro Tem,*

-Becca Wiederholt,  
*Council*

-Richard Booge

-Adam Coyle

-Bob Lacy

-Kim Sacker

### City Staff:

Jake Anderson-

*City Administrator*

Liz Thompson-

*Deputy Clerk*

Dave Herman-

*Public Works*

Chad Gillespie-

*Public Works*

Bill Daggett -

*Chief of Police*

Jolena Welker-

*Library Director*

-Library-996-2435

-Post Office-996-2458

-Non-Emergency-  
Dallas Co. Dispatch-  
993-4567

-Bill Daggett—202-4154

-Emergency-911

-Dave Herman—240-9280

[www.cityofvanmeter.com](http://www.cityofvanmeter.com)

## Tricks or Treats?

**Hydrant Flushing**—Public Works Employees Dave Herman and Chad Gillespie will be flushing hydrants in October. This is done on a regular basis to rid the lines of sediment build up. Flushing is performed in the middle of the night so that any discoloration of the water should be cleared up by morning. If you do experience discolored water, run your cold water faucets for a few minutes and it should clear up quickly.

**Irrigation Meters**—If you own an outside irrigation meter, remember to bring it indoors before the first freeze. Leaving it in freezing temperatures can cause damage.

**Happy Halloween**

VAN METER  
**FARMERS  
MARKET**

### October 5th- Final Market of The Season!

Thanks to everyone who participated this year and made the market a huge success.

**Van Meter**  
tradition with a vision

**Burning yard waste**—The City permits the burning of yard waste within city limits. Please do not burn on city sidewalks or on city streets. Use caution and care when burning.

**Waste Connections Inc.**

**515-265-7374**

### 2013 Recycling Schedule

**October 7 and 21**

**November 4 and 18**

**December 2, 16 and 30**

**THANK YOU**—to ALL of the vendors and ALL of the community members who came to help support the Farmers Market.

**A special "shout out" to Michele Beschen and her crew for their dedication in putting out and picking up the signs every market day of the season!**